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In re the Application of:

Richard C. JOHNSON

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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I hereby certify that these papers are being facsimile transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, fax no. 703-872-9306, on <u>December 16, 2004</u>.

Nita J. Miller

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

12/16/2004

In response to the Office Action mailed December 9, 2004, restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-35, drawn to a method/system for issuing digital certificates for an electronic payment system classified in class 705, subclass 76.
- II. Claims 36-65, drawn to a method for securing payments of a corporation using a third party financial service provider, classified in class 705, subclass 78.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-35, without traverse. No fee is due with this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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